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DIE PSALMEN UND DIE SPRÜCHE SALOMOS. Von LIC. HANS KESSLER u. DR. HERMANN L. STRACK. Zweite neubearbeitete Auflage. München: Beck, 1899. Pp. xx + 302; vii + 104. M. 6.

THIS is one of the series of the Strack-Zöckler *Kurzgefasster Kommentar*. The first edition of the Psalms was prepared by F. W. Schultz. Pastor Kessler has practically rewritten the whole. He has prepared and built on a larger foundation than his predecessor. His position is that of a decided conservative, while at the same time he has due regard to modern Psalm investigations. He is unwilling to admit the Maccabæan origin of Pss. 44, 74, 79 (p. xvii), though inclined to regard Ps. 149 as a product of that period. In contradistinction to many modern writers he is ready to assign some authoritative significance to the superscriptions, especially to לדוד. The exegesis proper is, of course, very brief, but to the point. The author writes in full view of the latest Psalm literature.

Professor Strack's commentary on Proverbs is built on substantially the same subdivions of this book as those of Frankenberg and Toy. His position also, in contrast with that of the two writers just mentioned, is preëminently conservative and traditional. On the basis of 1 Kings 5:9–13 (English version 4:29–33) Solomon is thought to be an author. This opinion is maintained for the Proverbs by the superscriptions found in 1:1; 10:1, and 25:1. The form and content are said to corroborate this position. But these statements must appear to a careful student of the Proverbs as too sweeping. Even if the Kings passage should imply authorship for Solomon, can this carry with it the certainty that he was the author of the Proverbs? What, too, can be said in this line regarding such a passage as 19:14? The narrow limits of the exegesis imposed by the purpose of the series is often aggravating. But Professor Strack has presented in small compass the latest conservative exposition of this difficult book.

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ECCLESIASTES. An Introduction to the Book; An Exegetical Analysis; and a translation with notes. By THOMAS TYLER, M.A. A new edition. London: Nutt, 1899. Pp. xi + 168. 6s., *net*.

THE first edition of this commentary appeared in 1874, more than a quarter of a century ago. It then excited a good deal of interest